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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION <u>DATED JUNE 15, 2007</u>

In response to the <u>non-final</u> Office Action mailed on June 15, 2007, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following Amendment and Response under 37 C.F.R. §1.111. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3) for a small entity. With this extension, the Amendment and Response is considered timely filed by December 17, 2007.

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